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SUBJECT: ALLIED DEFENSE CONTRIBUTIONS

1. WE ARE ASSESSING OVERALL ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF SPECIFIC
MEASURES BEING TAKEN BY EACH HOST NATION TO PROVIDE
SUPPORT AND/OR TO PAY FOR, SHARE, OR SUBSIDIZE COST OF
U.S. DEFENSE PRESENCE IN COUNTRY. REQUEST THAT, AFTER
COORDINATION WITH EUCOM, EMBASSIES PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING
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INFORMATION:

PLEASE SUBMIT A BREAKDOWN OF SUCH MEASURES IN RESPECT TO:

1. LOCAL LABOR OR OTHER SERVICES
2. REAL ESTATE
3. PROCUREMENT OF SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT

4. CONSTRUCTION

5. EXEMPTIONS FROM HOST COUNTRY TAXATION AND CUSTOMS
DUTIES ON OFFICIAL USG ACTIVITIES

2. AN EXAMPLE OF REAL ESTATE SUBSIDIZATION WOULD BE THE
VALUE OF RENT OR LEASE NOT CHARGED BY, SAY, THE FRG FOR
TRAINING AREAS AND CASERNES. WITH RESPECT TO COUNTRIES
WHERE THERE ARE NO U.S. TROOPS, THERE MAY NEVERTHELESS BE
DEFRAYING OF COSTS OF U.S. PRESENCE THROUGH SUCH MEANS AS

WAIVER (OR SUBSIDY) OF PORT AND LANDING FEES FOR U.S.
SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT, OR AVAILABILITY OF STORAGE FACILITIES
AT LESS THAN NORMAL RATES.

3. OF COURSE, US MILITARY DEPLOYMENTS IN EUROPE SERVE
FUNDAMENTAL SECURITY INTERESTS OF THE US AS WELL AS OUR
ALLIES, AND A BETTER MEASURE OF WEIGHT OUR ALLIES ARE
PULLING IN NATO LIES IN THEIR OWN FORCE CONTRIBUTIONS
TO THE COMMON DEFENSE. NEVERTHELESS, THE INFORMATION
REQUESTED WILL BE HELPFUL IN DEALING WITH CONGRESSIONAL
QUESTIONS ABOUT THE ALLIES' WILLINGNESS TO DO THEIR
PART. IT WILL BE USED TO COMPLEMENT ANALYSES OF ALLIED
COOPERATION IN FORCE STRUCTURING, DEFENSE BUDGETING,
AND WEAPONS DEVELOPMENT. SUBMISSIONS ARE REQUESTED BY
APRIL 5 IF POSSIBLE.

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4. THIS IS A JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE.

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